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shaped; his aspect amiable and reverend; his hair flows in those beautiful shades which no united colors can match, falling in graceful curls, agreeably couching on his shoulders, and parting on the crown of his head; his dress, that of the sect of the Nazarites; his forehead is smooth and large; his cheeks without blemish and of roseate hue; his nose and his mouth are formed with exquisite symmetry; his beard in thick and suitable to the hair of his head, reaching a little below his chin, and parting in the middle below; his eyes are clear, bright and serene, ----- in color. (The word for the color of the eyes is missing, obliterated.)

He rebukes with mildness, and invokes with the most tender and persuasive language — his whole address, whether in word or deed, being eloquently grave, and strictly characteristic of so

the old mill destroyed by fire. The cabotage County Memorial Hospital. In the three stories there were about 20 rooms. The Captain was getting ready for the railroad which had been surveyed down Knappa Creek and up Stony Creek.

About the year 1885, this hotel was sold to Mrs. Thomas Skiles, of Baltimore. She belonged to the distinguished Baldwin family.

Mrs. Skiles had to do with the purchase and tending of the Baltimore and Ohio lands on Gauley River watershed; afterwards the Gauley Company, then the Cherry River Boom & Lumber Co. The nephew of Mrs. Skiles, named Baldwin, played with my older brothers. He has recently died, the president of one of the big railroads of the west.

Mrs. Skiles said Marlin Bottem was not so nice a name as Marlinton, so she had the post office department to make the change. I remember hearing a hard bodied old resident say that a name which had stuck since 1751 might as well be retained. He did not make an issue of it, and so it was and is.

A painful recollection of this office was going for the mail one afternoon as a boy of six. The home instruction from a mother of high culture was to be polite and act the gentleman. The hotel porch parties was the name then—was filled with remittance men from England and visitors and others from Baltimore. The style—the platform from which to mount a horse was on a level with the gate. At the style I politely took off my little old hat, but it in proper style in my left hand, marched through the gate.

who came from Virginia. He kept office in the toll house, collected toll on bridge and road, and had a busy business as an export blacksmith.

Then in President Cleveland's second term, Henry A. Yeager was postmaster, and the place was the room in the Station building now occupied by Western Auto Store.

During McKinley's term, W. W. Tyree was postmaster, with the office in a building where the present post office is now.

During the terms of President Roosevelt and Taft, the postmasters were Senator N. C. McNeill and Albert S. Overholt. They kept office in the First National building.

During the Wilson Administration, Andrew Price was the postmaster. It was then delivery service was started.

In the twelve years of Harding Coolidge and Hoover, the postmaster was J. E. Buckler. He was followed by Dr. E. G. Herold. After his death, for the past twelve years the postmaster has been Kerth Nottingham. To his tenure, the present Federal building was completed and occupied.

E. H. Williams and son attended the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond, Va. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rorerage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan and daughter, Edith Beverage, and Miss Rorerage were Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark and Mrs. Ray McClure, of Spring Creek. They also visited

the roll call by repeating them. We thus learned many Bible verses.

My father, Andrew McLaughlin, being interested in the welfare of the community, invited preachers of different denominations to hold services. I remember among them James E. Moore, and George P. Moore, local Methodist preachers; Wickline, Hedrick, Cantor, Ballengee and others, who were on Methodist circuits; old Brother Wilfong of the Brethren (Dunkard) also preached occasionally. Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D., Presbyterian, who was pastor at Hillsboro, supplied the pulpit in the schoolhouse once a month at four o'clock in the afternoon. It was in this schoolhouse that the Marlinton Presbyterian Church was organized.

Mr. Curry in June 1865, returned the records and deposited them at the house of Joel Hill. A month later they were taken to a vacant house belonging to Rev. Mitchell Dunlap, and there left until September, 1865, when the first court after the war convened, November, 1865, in the Methodist church at Hillsboro. From that time they were kept in the old Academy building until June 1866, when they were taken back to the county seat and deposited at the house of John B. Garey. More than five years had elapsed since their first removal for safety, and strange to relate, through all these various changes not a book or a paper was missing save one record book which was of no value to the county.

N. Moore of Glade Hill. Miss Emma Warwick her sister, taught the second and third sessions.

The winter of 1878-79 my father boarded me with Sherman Curry's father and mother in Huntersville, and I went to school to James Woods Warwick, a most excellent teacher. The first school was taught at Price Hollow, the winter of 1879 80. My father saw to it that the very best teachers possible were secured for that school. My father and mother offered them special inducements of inexpensive board in their home and I had the privilege of their cultural influence. No finer persons ever lived than the Warwick sisters.

George Baxter was county surveyor, Montgomery Matthews and Uriah Bird were county superintendents of schools. The sessions lasted only four months in the

This weeks Huntersville chapter is taken from books. The first paragraph was written some seventy years ago, for the Pocahontas County section of Hardesty's History of West Virginia.

The second paragraph is from "West Virginia and Her People" by Hu Maxwell and Thomas C. Miller.

The county seat is Huntersville, nestled down among the mountains, Alpine-like, and beautiful for situation. This was made the seat of justice in 1821. It was here that John Bradshaw built his rustic log cabin, and soon after the people of Bath county constructed a wagon road from the Warm Springs through the mountains to his house, and a man named John Harness began hauling goods from Staunton into these mountains for the purpose of trading with the settlers. He made Bradshaw's house his headquarters, and here he was met by hunters and trappers who brought him their pelts, venison and other products of the forest, to exchange for goods. From this the place was eventually known as Huntersville. It was established as a town by the legislature, December 18, 1822.

When the Rebellion broke out in 1861, William Curry was county and circuit clerk. Finding that the Federals were liable to invade the county, he took the records to a place of supposed safety—the residence of Joel Hill, on the Little Licks; here they

Mr. Sharp expects to work on resident foxes again.

News comes of an otter being seen in the fields near the Beard post office. Monk Small, of the same neighborhood, has had trapped muskrats, eaten up by an otter or otters. Inquiring of a trapper as to his luck in taking muskrats this winter, he said there were no muskrats on his trapping section of Greenbrier River; that he had seen otter sign and no muskrat will stay where otters range.

This is the first report of otter on the Greenbrier that has come in for several years. These are interesting and valuable for bearers. However, I have been backward about suggesting to the Conservation Commission that they buy a few pairs and turn them loose on watersheds in these parts.

We all had been out of beaver for about forty years, until a number of pairs were turned loose nearly twenty years since. With their dams to stagnate trout streams; cutting trees, and eating green corn, the beaver is proving considerable headache.

Blue dollar 'skins' for college overcoats, helped to thin out our supply of raccoons. Then we asked that our woods be restocked with coons. That, with 50 cent coon skins, so overstocked the supply, it is a wonder that the nest of any grouse or turkey escapes destruction by our present overplus of night prowlers—coons, skunks

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PERSONAL NOTES
A. W. Powell and Earl Taylor were in from Baltimore over the weekend with some folks at the school and Hibernia Grange school and Hibernia Grange school.
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Richardson and family are home from a vacation in Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wagh left Thursday for Florida. Their plans are they will spend a month.
Mr. Lillian Zell, of Baltimore, will spend several days in Marlinton with Mr. and Mrs. Vassar. Her father and her father, J. A. Mace, at Fairlea.

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 brier County Court House. This
 date may be incorrect however,
 or Rev. John Alderson the officia-
 ting minister reported it as
 "March 18, 1781". In his list of
 marriages published in the Vir-
 ginia Historical Magazine. Do
 you have anything on this family?

Whether or not the old Welsh
 Bible is returned to Pocahontas
 I should like very much to have a
 photostatic or photographic copy
 of any hand written records which
 it may contain, and if you can
 locate the Bible and obtain such
 copies for me I should be most
 obliged to you. Also, will you
 give me such information as you
 can about your own parents, and
 their children and grandchildren,
 following the outline in paragraph
 three above!

By way of identifying myself,
 I am the oldest grandchild of
 John Henry McNeel and Melina
 Smythe Rodgers by their daugh-
 ter Mary Austin McNeel and her
 husband, Charles William Han-
 dley of Lewisburg. I attended W
 & L and Jobo Hopkins; had post
 graduate training at Baltimore
 City Hospital, Hopkins and the
 University Hospital in Philadel-
 phia; was a District Physician in
 the Panama Canal Zone for three
 years; pediatrician with a county
 health department in Tenn., and
 later medical director of Field
 Service in the Tennessee State
 Health Dept.; and since 1933 on
 the executive staff of the Com-
 monwealth Fund, a large philan-
 thropic organization with offices
 in New York City. I am married
 and have two children, both boys,
 the younger a senior in high
 school. I attained the age of 54
 on July 8, 1930.

I am sure you must know my
 mother's first cousin, Lida and
 Moffett McNeel at Hillsboro. I
 and my wife called on Lida and
 her mother when we were in
 Greenbrier in August, and I made
 the acquaintance for the first time
 of my great-aunt Lydia Ann and
 her husband James R. Syden-
 stricker who for about forty
 years lived in Western Wyoming
 and returned only recently to
 Pocahontas.

If you know of other members

and is now a junior at Concord
 where he is vice president of the
 Student Government Association,
 secretary of Delta Delta Delta
 Tau social fraternity, president
 of the English majors club, and
 co-editor of the Concordian.

Mrs. O. W. Kellison of Covin-
 gton, spent last week with rela-
 tives at Marlinton and Buckeye.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kellison
 and daughters Lida and Sue,
 spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.
 Leonard Kellison of Buckeye.

Sgt. Guy M. Kellison of Ad-
 dreds Airforce Base, Washington
 D. C., spent Sunday with Mr.
 and Mrs. Leonard Kellison.

Norman Alderman and Ernest
 Ramsey are home from New York
 State, where they visited Law-
 rence Alderman.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. K.
 D. Swecker wishes to thus express
 their gratitude to their many
 friends who were so kind to them
 during their recent bereavement.

Uncle Sam Says



Regardless of whether you ap-
 prove the new look in fashion, ev-
 ery one of my nieces and nephews
 certainly is in the style, with the
 new look in security. How can you
 acquire this kind of look? There
 are two great automatic plans, both
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 States Savings Bonds regularly.
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 buying plan. 2. If you're in business,

wasn't very successful, but Ray-
 mond had the unpleasant expe-
 rience of being attacked by a wild
 cat in the day time while hunting.
 He was seated on a log on Horse-
 back Ridge waiting for a squirrel
 to come up when he was hit
 by a mighty force that knocked
 him off the log. He jumped thio-
 log it was a younger brother that
 was out with him trying to scare
 him, to look in the face of a big
 wild cat crouched for another
 spring. He emptied his gun at
 it and it took off in one direction
 and Raymond in the other. On
 checking up later he found plenty
 of hairs where the wild cat was
 but he wasn't sore if it was bit or
 not. His leather jacket was full
 of claw marks from the claws of
 the cat.

I have heard of people being
 attacked by cats before, but this
 is the first time I have heard of
 them being jumped in broad day-
 light. There are several wild cats
 back in that section and on Hon-
 eycomb Ridge where they have
 a den and with the deer law so
 strict there are few hunters chase
 there to get them. Their tracks
 are seen in the snow most any
 time in winter right near the
 houses.

John F. Scott.

Last week Roy Bird of Big
 Back Creek, arose to inquire if
 there was a Buckwheat Dropper
 yet in existence in these parts. It
 was a new name to me for a buck-
 wheat reaper. I put the notice in
 the paper. This is only Friday,
 but two citizens have been in to
 report. The first was Grover
 Taylor of Green Bank. He said
 his neighbor Roger Sheets had a
 buckwheat dropper; that he and
 Pinkney Doyle had harvested
 their crop with it this year. They
 had hitched a tractor to it.

Mr. Taylor had no sooner gone
 than Frank Morrison, of Lobelia,
 came in to say that his neighbor,
 Don Ryder had a buckwheat
 dropper in good condition. He
 had harvested a crop with it this
 season.

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 1951

Some time ago, word was sent in by an intelligent young reader to write a chapter on Huntersville. I kept waiting for a convenient season. So the chore has been neglected. I will try my hand now.

To begin with, prior to the formation of Pocahontas in 1891 from parts of Bath, Highland, Pendleton, Greenbrier and Randolph counties, for many years Huntersville had been a trading centre. Traders and merchants from east of the mountains to meet hunters, traders and trappers and barter store goods and supplies for fur skins and other proceeds of the chase.

The suggestion, for apparent historical reasons, was that the name of the County seat of the new county of Pocahontas should be Smithville, in honor of Captain John Smith, whose life Princess Pocahontas had saved. However, the name Huntersville was strenuously insisted upon by the leading citizen, John Bradshaw, and his friends. This was a special compliment to the hunters who swarmed there during trading season and to whom the place owed much for its prosperity.

A word about the prominent citizen, John Bradshaw. He was a Revolutionary War veteran and a man of great wealth for his time. The wonder of his day was how he could accumulate so much and the gossipy goem was he had hit the pay off number of the big lotteries held regularly in those now distant days. I have always thought of John Bradshaw as the good business man of big affairs. The name is gone but his blood remains in many descendants of the first families of this Valley. His home was on Browns Creek, at the Willifong place, where Browns Mountain road turns off.

For many, many years, Huntersville was the principal trading place of the entire county. Each month people would attend upon

to meet in the hands of the knowledge of truth."

About sixty years ago Huntersville lost its chance for being the last Virginia boom town. The wonderfully fine town site there was not for sale; Marlins Bottom was. The county seat was moved six miles down Knappa Creek to the banks of Greenbrier River. The coming of the railroad eight years later quieted any feeling that the moving had stirred.

There is much to write of Huntersville but room for this chapter is shrinking. Maybe I will get going on it again soon. The name is known to science by reason of the Huntersville chert. This is a hard, quartz-like, glass-like stone which cracks up in small pieces. In former years Huntersville chert was considered excellent road material. It was put direct from the beds on the roads and there was enough lime, clay, sand and what not to bind it into good water bound macadam. Those were the days of good honest metal tires which pounded down; the modern rubber tire picks up.

Then there are the folded rocks—the Huntersville anticline. I have been told this is one of the finest outcrops of folding rock to be found anywhere. The picture in my geology book is of an anticline in Sweden. So far as my prejudiced eye is a judge, the Huntersville anticline is the finer one.

Well, let's wind up this installment with a field note. Since 1778, when Valentine and Mary Frye Cackley moved from Winchester to Millport, those of Cackley blood have been prominent people of our valley. About a century and a quarter ago William, son of Valentine, moved from the Roekman place near Millport to a farm at Huntersville on Cumplings Creek or Little Back Creek. He was to engage in farming and merchandising and holding public office for many years. His wife, Mrs. Jennie Gay Cackley, had a large flock of pigeons. She was so tired of the big eaters, that when they sold their Millport farm, she decided to leave the pigeons for the purchaser, David L. Roekman. By road to

My dear Calvin:

I have just read with much interest your account of your Highland trip where you told the folks something of the Cranberry Glades. This reminds me of an unfinished story of the Boga that I wanted you to have.

Some years ago, by special appointment with you, I took a very distinguished party of friends over to Marlinton, where you joined us and made the trip to Cranberry Boga. Incidentally, I want to say that we had with us on that trip, Mrs. Henry, of Philadelphia, who is probably the world's authority on wild flowers. This trip through the Boga with you and your knowledge of how it was formed, the plant life and everything made it wonderfully interesting.

When we came back out of the Boga to the road one of the ladies exclaimed—what beautiful trifloms were on a little rise just above us, at which time all of us climbed up to see the wild flowers. You reached down and pulled up something and asked if I knew what it was. I did not and you told me it was a "rasp" and that I should have some of them growing on my preserve. I borrowed two feed sacks from the chief engineer of the Government Reservation and in a very small space got enough ramps to fill the two bags and brought same home with me and the next day had several of my men setting out ramps on different areas. Had some ramps left over and they were on my back porch the next day when one of my tenants came to see me. This man was raised over in the Richwood country and I asked him if he knew what they were and he immediately said, "Yes, I do—them is ramps." "Are they any good to eat?" I asked. "Best thing you ever eat." "Do you know how to cook them?" "Yes sir, you can either 'cooken' or 'ratum' raw." "Well, I want you to eat inoeb with me and we will eat ramps—both cooked and raw—and then I want you to go down to Klocad gorge with me to clear off a viewpoint of the river and you can go on home from there."

lay in the fact that General Loring had higher rank in the United States Army than General Lee, and at the beginning he outranked him in the Confederate Army. For ten days or so, General Lee camped at Huntersville and daily conferred with General Loring. Some how or other I have the impression that many of these conferences were held at General Loring's headquarters at Riders Gap. Anyway, things seemed to get straightened out between the Generals. However, Loring never made much of a name for himself as a Confederate leader. Fifteen years later, he was buried in the desert sands of Africa. He lost his life in the war between Egypt and Ethiopia. He was Commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Army.

On July 20, General Lee assigned General Loring to the command of the Northwestern Army. He was to prevent the advance of the enemy from Huttonsville and

wife, Mrs. Odessa Jordan Sharp and five children, Dr. Rolland Sharp. Mrs. Martha Lou Hoover, Mrs. Georgia Sharp, Gordon and Richard.

The deceased was a son of the late Abraham and Ella Sharp. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Defibaugh and Mrs. P. D. Moore; two brothers, John and Holmes Sharp.

Mr. Sharp was one of our best and prominent citizens. He taught school for a number of years. He also served the public as a Justice of the Peace and member of the Board of Education.

C. C. Dunsmore

Clarence C. Dunsmore, of Milton, aged 72 years, died Thursday, February 8, 1951, at a Hunt-

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THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1951

Here is another chapter on Huntersville.

In some old records, Riders Gap is referred to as the Northwest Passage. This is the low place in the main ridge of Alleghany Mountains. I have heard say this is the low place in this range for a thousand miles.

George Washington set store by the Northwest Passage for its military importance. So, for a century and a half, we have had the expression in common use—Fortify the Alleghenies.

If the worst did come and an invading army was successful in over-running the eastern tide-water lowlands and the Great American Valley stretching from New York State to the Mississippi Delta,—why the Alleghany was the bulwark. Such passes as the Frost and Rider Gaps and the passage of New River were places to be fortified and held.

Let me go aside to say there appears always to have been two schools of military strategy for the defense of our country—those who would fortify the Alleghenies and there repel invading forces; those who advocate a policy of military preparedness to hold mad dog nations in check, or close to their own boundaries when and if they do run wild. The expensive but worse than useless French Maginot Line was sad example of Fortifying the Alleghenies. In the present crisis Taft and Hoover would fortify the Alleghenies, while Eisenhower would go and get the criminal communists before they could here for to get us.

In 1848, a truly great man in a speech in Congress in favor of a volunteer army and opposed to a standing army, stressed Fortifying the Alleghenies.

After that long drawn out preamble, let it be said that on the outbreak of the War between the States, the Union forces left the northward as lightning headed

However, Captain Gattison and his Pocahontas Reserves will take their place as well as infantry can.

The Mr. Skeen referred to, had his home where Sherman P. Curry now lives. He was an attorney. After the war he moved to Covington and later served as Attorney General of Virginia.

On January 3, 1862, Major George Webster with 700 troops marched from Beverly on to Huntersville, which was held by 250 Confederates. The town was taken, much of it burned and about \$30,000 worth of army stores destroyed.

In June 1865, Colonel Wesley Owens, of the Union Army left Clarkshurg, with 400 men, to come to Pocahontas and Pendleton Counties in search of Governor William Smith of Virginia, who had never surrendered. He was supposed to be hiding out in these mountains. Colonel Evans did not find the Governor. He did collect some government property, mostly horses.

On a Sunday morning early in June, 1865, Dr. M. D. Dunlap and my father, Dr. William T. Price were conducting the first Sacramental Service to be held in Huntersville after the war. A detachment of Col. Owens troops passed through town, rode around the Church, looked in at the broken windows, examined the horses with critical eyes. The service continued without pause. Ser

took it away as a trained horse." During Averill's retreat through the Levels, this horse had been abandoned as worn out. Dr. Dunlap had taken it up and put it in good condition. The venerable minister had to borrow a horse to return to his home at Hillsboro.

In his report on this tour of service, Colonel Evans says there are only two families living in Huntersville, as of June, 1865. He further states the Confederate soldiers are home in numbers and are hard at work with the limited means in hand to get in a corn crop.

A. T. White was over to Rowan last week at a two day farm service conference for employees of the Southern States cooperatives. The idea was to give better understanding of the cooperative and the supplies it furnishes patrons. There was also presented Southern states sponsored \$20,000 essay contest, open to boys and girls under 18 years in West Virginia and other States it operates in. The first prize will be a \$2,000 college scholarship. The conference ended with a big banquet.

Columbus, Ohio—Among the 439 students of Ohio State University achieving high scholastic attainments is Miss Mary Daru Hedrick, of Green Bank, Pocahontas.

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nel instructed the adjutant to have the regiment formed. The colonel and staff would then disappear and retire to headquarters.

In the meantime the loud orders of the captains were heard for their men to fall into ranks, and when formed the adjutant placed them in position and then reported to the colonel that all was in readiness. The colonel and staff reappeared at the head of the regiment. Three beautiful silken flags were put in charge of the color guard. The rear rank of the regiment fell back a few paces to open order. A procession formed of the colonel's staff and color guard, preceded by the band reviewed the regiment, stationed the flags, and returned to the head of the regiment.

In stentorian tones the order was given to close ranks and form a column of twos, and soon the whole regiment would be on the march to a neighboring field selected for the evolutions. The field just west of the town was frequently selected, and the one back of the court house was sometimes used. Two or three hours would be passed in the evolutions. The bugle would sound the retreat, the drum and fife take up "Bonaparte's retreat from Moscow," and the whole column would prepare to leave the field and fall back on Staufferville in slow and regular order. Having formed to open order on the street the colonel and staff, preceded by the music, had another procession to collect the flags. The color guard was led to the head of the column, the colonel diamoneted, received the flags one by one, and each was saluted by the roll of the drum and placed away for safe keeping.

After this the regiment was disbanded, and then came the funny scenes that would require a graphic pen to describe with due justice. Cakes, beer, and something stronger were now in profuse requisition.

The sun would sometimes go down leaving a large crowd enjoying the hilarity of the occasion, seemingly sorry that master day did not last a week or least, "Tomorrow is Sunday, and there is no use in being in a hurry to get home. Let us go it while we have

leaving none for grouse and turkeys. They also visit every dogwood and thornapple bush and eat the berries as they fall. Here in Pennsylvania on lands identical to Thorny Creek and Brown Mountain deer have almost exterminated teaberries. They feed on them so heavily that now one has to hunt to find these plants. On these same areas where fences have been built to exclude deer teaberries are as abundant as you now find them in Pocahontas County. The latter plants are staple winter foods for turkeys and grouse. When deer "eat out" a forest small game also becomes very scarce.

Your Conservation Commission is aware of your deer problems in West Virginia. They will be only too alluring to help you solve your problem. West Virginia now has one of the best conservation commissions in the country. You should be very proud of their excellent program. I speak as a native son of Pocahontas County with all sincerity. This is my reason for alerting you to the problems of an over population of deer in certain areas in the County. Do not let the deer herd become a detriment to a forest before attempts are taken to reduce the population.

Ward M. Sharp, Leader Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit,

Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

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Just a lice or so to say that elobor is the local name for the American or swamp hellebore. Other names are Indian poke or itch weed. The book says it is frequent in damp grounds from Canada to Carolina. It has the same poisonous properties as the white hellebore of Europe. It is a very acrid and active poison. Its powder is used to destroy lice and kill caterpillars; also, in ointment for itch and ring worm. Caution is necessary in handling the powder, as unpleasant effects ensue from getting it in nose and eyes.

White hellebore and black hellebore are two very different plants.

Friend Fred Galford reports from Williams River that this old time winter has been a good one for the bears. They kept frozen up most of the time.

Mr. Galford further says he has seen lots of wild cat tracks this winter and some big ones. As for fox tracks there are more than he ever saw before. He saw where they had caught three gray squirrels and two grouse. He saw where foxes had even dug up thorn berries to eat. Anything to live on. If foxes continue to decrease, there will be no small game to hunt.

Mr. Galford says this old time winter forecasts a good crop year and lots of mast. The sleet and wet snows have pruned the trees pretty well. This gets worms and other loveliest pests to freeze and perish on the ground.

Glenn Moore of the Jerico Road, marked Valentine Day by buying a nice big ground hog, which his dog had treed. The animal was in good flesh, but carried little extra fat.

The West Virginia News reports the following Pocahontas county citizens in the Greenbrier Valley Hospital for treatment—G. C. Moore, Mrs. Lela Moore, Mrs. Mary Varner, Porter Moore all of Cass; Mrs. Mabel Wilfong, of Bartow.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Beth Rebekah Lodge

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 1931

Important Notice

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Here is another chapter on Huntersville, and the subject matter is Muster Day. I take it from the writings of my father, the late Dr. W. T. Price:

The more notable days in the history of Huntersville and of the county citizenship, were the trainings and the general muster that would follow. For several years after the organization of the 12th Regiment the Brigade Inspector was Major John Alexander, of Lexington. He would bring his drummer and fifer with him, two likely colored men uniformed in scarlet like British soldiers, and were the admiration and envy of all the colored people. Some of the black boys would say that they desired no better heaven than to be musicians and wear such red clothes.

When the militia regulations were modified, the colonel of the regiment would train the officers for about three consecutive days before the regimental muster.

Pocahontas County, has been engaged in the study of game species since 1935. During hunting trips to Pocahontas during 1919 and 1930 it has been noted that the deer herd in that part of the county east of the Greenbrier River to the Virginia line from Donmore to Beaver Creek has been increasing rapidly. If this condition is not controlled, this area within five years, will be similar to our deer populations we have here in Pennsylvania. The increase in deer has almost doubled their numbers in 1930 over that of 1919 on the above area.

Within the next five years it is a safe prediction that the plants on the forest floor will be literally grazed out. When this happens the deer present become roused, develop small antlers and in order to stave off starvation descend upon the farmer's crops and inflict considerable damage. It is found here that deer reduce the wheat crop, for example, by 50 per cent in yield per acre by heavy grazing during April and May.

At the present time many who read this article will feel that we still have plenty of feed in Thorny Creek or Browns Mountains. At present you do. I have seen too many cases of this sort that within five years we find the forests grazed out completely. When this time comes the only remedy is to reduce the deer herd drastically. This sportsmen often fail to follow or permit such action. Furthermore the forests have been seriously damaged and recovery is slow.

I, as one who has pursued wild life management as a life's work, can see the "writing on the wall", of what the future holds for this part of Pocahontas County. The step to take is now and not five years from now. There should be an all deer season, doe and bucks, for two days during the fall of 1931 to reduce this herd. A two-day season with permits to remove 300 deer from this area will be a life saver for your deer herd in the near future.

No sane sheep grower will refuse to sell his lambs from year to year. If he should in a few years he would have so many sheep that he would not have feed

100 other night a fox came right into the yard of G. W. Kellison on Beard Heights. At the farm of Levi Baxter on Jerico Road a gray fox was seen at the barn in the mid afternoon.

The other snowy morning Alva Moore saw the track of a ruffed grouse at his barn. The bird had come from Jerico Flat and was heading up Backs Mountain.

One morning last week, George Kellison came to town good and early. In the dark gray light of dawn he saw a medium sized raccoon on the side walk at the Presbyterian Church. Some weeks ago, Game Protector John Cassio, saw this coon go under the Times Office early one morning.

These panther tales going the rounds, reminded Charles J. and Lanty Sharp of a panther experience of some forty years ago. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Sharp, were living on Williams River, not far from the present home of Fred Galford. Mr. Sharp had a lumber cutting contract with the Campbell Lumber Company.

The late W. H. Shearer had cut the hay on the meadows and wintered a herd of cows around the hay stacks. Three were Tuckahoe cows, and when the colder leaves showed up in the spring as the first green things, they ate greedily of the deadly poison plants. Every single one perished miserably.

A big panther was not long in finding this free meal ticket, and night after night he came regularly to feed on the carcasses. Each morning, right at four o'clock the big varment would head back toward Big and Little Spruce Knobs by way of Lost Knob and Days Run. He advertised his going with blood curdling screams. The Sharp brothers still recall how nerves would tingle and hairs raise at the horrible cries.

There were two fine black and tan hunting hounds at the Sharp home. They were night hunters from a long line of night hunters, and experienced bear fighters too. They showed no interest in the

There was night riding from Marlins Bottom to Duomo and in intermediate points and from Brown and Mlehael Mountains to Greenbrier River.

The survey got started and satisfactory progress was made. The rod of a day's run was at the ford of Thorny Creek at Dilleys Mill, where the concrete bridge and beaver dam are now. I have always understood they were running the line backward to the beginning corner.

Early on Monday morning, the surveying crew were gathered around for a good day of retracing the then century old lines. The head surveyor was adjusting his compass on its Jacob Staff. To a sharp report of a rifle rang out from a wooded hillside. The instrument just blew in pieces—glass shattered and metal torn by the leaden bullet—as the man was adjusting his plumb bob.

The men did not stand on their shooing for there was a lot more shooting from the mountain side. They ran through the creek—soo foot log for persons, is a sorry. Rifle bullets splashed water on either side of the fleeing men. I never was told for sure, but was given to understand the horror for the shot at the compass went to preacher Wellington Hogsett or the then young Jasper Dilley.

The surveyor got in his buggy, whipped his horses to a run, and kept going until he crossed the State line at Rider Gap. He never did come back to this side of the Alleghenies.

Now here is where the notorious General Ben Butler comes into the scene. Owners of those old land grant titles much preferred to work under cover in checking public records, to get the lay of the land and the owners and acreages of tracts under fence on the boundary. So, when the County Court of Pocahontas County advertised for contractors to bid on a new jail, General Butler had men to come with bids low enough to get the contract. He put up the bond for faithful compliance. The contractors appeared to be more interested in land title research than to building the jail. The

Attorney Storer was known and beloved as Count Storer by reason of over falling courtesy and courtly manner to rich and poor, young and old, black and white. I have ever intended taking this subject up with the Eisenhower boys to see if they have any family tradition of this their great-great uncle or something like, indeed, a doughty warrior to his own right.

To get back to a less pleasant subject, the carpet bagger judge. A lynching party was once in all readiness at Greenbrier Bridge to wait on Judge Harrison. He was expected to come by Marlins Bottom on his return from a court term at Hontersville. Somehow or other, he changed his route of travel and went to his home in Unio by way of Beaver Creek, Little Creek and White Sulphur Springs. Thus our County was spared from this and disgrace of lynching.

About that time the Clerk of the Court at Lewisburg threw the Presiding Judge through a court house window. Soon after this the Valley knew Judge Nat Harrison no more. About the turn of the century, word came that he had died at a poor house out in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Keoney Wade and F. G. Wade, of Seebert, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Wade, at Lewisburg, the week end of January 27th.

A. T. White, of the Marlinton Southern States Co. op. is attending the Farm Service Conference for personnel at Roanoke on Wednesday and Thursday. This is the eighth of the nine conferences scheduled throughout the operating territory in Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

Judge Lemuel F. Smith, of Charlottesville, Virginia, has been named by Governor Battle for a place on the Supreme Court of Virginia. This is a well deserved honor, and the friends of the Smith family in Pocahontas bear of it with pleasure. The Judge

Deeds

January 18 to Feb. 1st.

Nellie Wilfong to J. B. Polodexter and Looie Harless, 40 poles and 30 acres at the mouth of Beaver Creek, Little Levels district.

Agreement between Bettie Holver and others and Hope Natural Gas Company, for oil and gas lease, 185 acres on East Fork of Greenbrier River, Green Bank District.

Oren Waugh to Clark Bromagin, 20 acres on Keo Flat, near Marlinton.

C. G. Malcomb to Alan W. Souder, former Manse property in Marlinton.

S. H. Sharp to Argile C. Arbogast, lots 11 and 12 in block 25, Marlinton.

Town of Marlinton to G. R. and Margaret C. Gay, lot in Mt. View Cemetery.

A. D. McCoy and others to Burrell Arbogast, 4 acres on Beaver Creek, near Mill Point.

Mattie Alexander and others to State Road Commission, right of way near Minnehaha.

Elva Grace Lockridge to State Road Commission, right of way at Minnehaha Springs.

Mamie White Kulloran to State Road Commission right of way on Douthards Creek.

Everett Shinaberry to State Road Commission, right of way at Minnehaha.

Arle B. White to State Road Commission, right of way on Douthards Creek.

Deeds to the State Road Commission for rights of way on the Durbin to Hartow back road from Harry C. Borner, Eldridge Yonog Harry Simmons, Croll Rexrode, Lloyd H. Beverage.

M. C. Dilley to Lantz J. Sharp parts of lots 11 and 12 in Block 2, at Campbeltown.

S. H. Sharp to Harry R. Smith 328 acres on Rush Run, near Buckeye.

Thomas C. Edgar to Bessie M. Workman lots 1 and 2, Edgar

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Ray Of Light

Throughout all the many times and most raised by cheap politicians and the people of the State of Virginia to make the besting hand of the Secretary of State, Acheson, in the light of the fact that he is a ray of light in the darkness of the path by the Associated Press.

Republicans move to oust Secretary of State Dean Acheson from office. The Associated Press in a statement published Feb. 7, 1934, that the Associated Press.

The scholars, from 37 colleges and universities in thirty states, and "in a spirit of the position recently taken by the Republican minority in Congress."

The statement was released on behalf of the other members of the formal committee composed of Harley D. Gillette, president of the University of Chicago; Allen Nevins, president of the University of Wisconsin; Dean Paul Phelps, president of the University of Michigan; and Dean Edward B. Mason of Harvard University.

"The way we can say to the replacement of our Secretary of State could strengthen or add to our policy or our world position," the statement said. "It is not a question of the world, but of the world."

The statement described Acheson's policies as "reflecting 'imagined' world understanding and world leadership in the world."

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Elder and Mrs. Kate Howard visited from Standing.

The January meeting of the Marlinton Chapter of the O. O. F. was held at the home of Mrs. O. O. F. at Marlinton. The guest speaker of the meeting was Mrs. Car O. O. F. at Marlinton. The guest speaker of the meeting was Mrs. Car O. O. F. at Marlinton.

James Madison Wilson of Marlinton, who has been in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War.

By William E. Nelson

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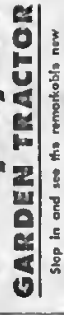
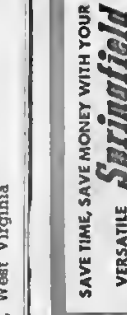
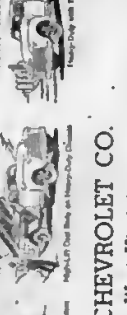
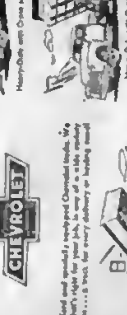
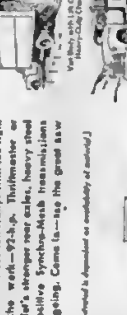
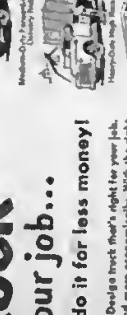
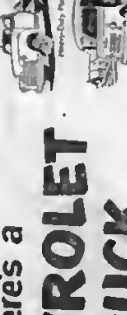
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By William E. Nelson

James Madison Wilson of Marlinton, who has been in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War, is now in the Marlinton War.

There is another try at a chapter on Hottelville—

The stone wall around Hottelville remains, it is built of the same material as the wall at Marlinton. It is built of the same material as the wall at Marlinton. It is built of the same material as the wall at Marlinton.

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Huntersville Presbyterian Church

The following is part of an essay written by Julia Lockridge (now Mrs. James Pitsenberger), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lockridge, which was the first place in a 1950 contest sponsored by the West Virginia Historical Society.

Huntersville Presbyterian Church, which has served as a barracks, hospital, court room, and place of worship for all denominations, is located in Pocahontas County.

Huntersville was the name given to the sedate, scenic, and beautiful village in the foothills of the Shenandoah Mountains as a compliment to the hunters that swarmed there during the seasons. Two small buildings are now standing in Huntersville: the brick jail, which was built in 1823 immediately after Huntersville became county seat of Pocahontas County by an Act of the Virginia Assembly in 1822, and the Huntersville Presbyterian Church which was completed in 1854. Both were withstood the fire set by Federal troops during the War to prevent Huntersville from becoming a Confederate depot for military supplies.

Huntersville, known as "The place with large ways," had a year a military celebration and the "Big Muster" which much looked forward to by the people of the vicinity. The act of having the "Big Muster" was due to Major John Alexander Hunter, who trained the 1st Regiment for this celebra-

The Civil War came soon after this colonial structure, in which the people of Huntersville took so much pride, was completed. During the war it was used as a garrison and hospital for Federal and Confederate troops. Federal troops burned part of Huntersville to prevent it from being a Confederate depot for military supplies, but the church was not burned. Robert E. Lee was encamped within a stone's throw of the church while it was being used as a hospital. Names of soldiers could be seen upon the walls and beams of the church until a few years ago when it was redecorated. The town was never captured but often occupied by both sides at different times. During this period the Church Bible was stolen. It was commonly thought that it was misplaced by Mason Greene of Virginia. Many years later the Bible was found in a tenement house in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It had come into the possession of Andrew Mellon in Pittsburgh, who after finding its owner sent the Bible to a bindery to be rebound, with the expectation of returning it to the Huntersville Presbyterian Church. Before he accomplished this mission he became ill and died. Mr. Mellon's family did not know where the Bible was sent to be rebound. Thus not knowing of anyone who knew of the Bible's whereabouts, to this day this church is without its original Bible.

The November 1863 term of County Court was held in this church; it was decided at this meeting to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the support of destitute families of soldiers of the Confederate Army. Reverends M. D. Dunlap and W. T. Price held the first sacramental services in Huntersville.

JANUARY 3, 1862.—Descent upon, and skirmish at, Huntersville, W. Va.

Report of Maj. George Webster, Twenty-fifth Ohio Infantry.

HUTTONSVILLE, W. VA., January 6, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in obedience to your orders of December 31, 1861, at 1 p. m., I left this place with a detachment of men of the Twenty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteers for Huntersville, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. At Camp Elk Water I was joined by a detachment of 300 men from the Second West Virginia Regiment under Major Owens, and at Big Spring by a detachment of 38 cavalry of the Bracken Cavalry, under First Lieutenant Delzell. I appointed First Lieut. Charles B. Jones, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, acting adjutant.

On the morning of January 3, finding the road at the base of Mountain, and for a distance of 1 mile, so obstructed by felled trees to render the farther progress of teams impossible, I left my wagons and detached Captain Johnson, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, with 50 of the most disabled men, to guard them. Avoiding the obstructions I detoured to the left, I pushed forward to Greenbrier River, and ascertained that a considerable number of militia were gathered at the bridge 1 mile below, on their way to Huntersville. I directed Lieutenant Delzell with his detachment of cavalry to ford the river, and by a movement across the river bottom to gain possession of the road leading to the bridge. This he did in most gallant style, and out of from Huntersville the entire militia force at the bridge, except a few mounted scouts. The balance fled back into the country, evidently in great confusion and dismay. I immediately detached Captain Williams, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, with 50 men, to hold the bridge, I pushed forward, and 2 miles from town the enemy's pickets fired upon my advanced companies, Companies K and G, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio—but after a few shots retired.

The column moved forward, and 1 mile from town I discovered the enemy's cavalry at the extreme of a level bottom field, dismounted and posted over the brow of a billy spur which jutted out into the field on their right, with Nap's Creek on their left. I immediately deployed part of the Twenty-fifth Ohio up the hill to our left to turn the enemy's right, and with the balance of our force moved up in front. The enemy once opened upon us and their fire became general, which was bravely responded to by our men. They soon discovered my flank movement, however, and falling back to their horses hastily mounted and retreated.

I again moved the column forward, crossed Nap's Creek, and for the enemy posted upon a second bottom, extending from our right to across the valley and half a mile in front of town. I promptly deployed Companies A and I, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, into line to our right at the base of the hill, to attack the enemy's left, and directed Major Owens, with the Second West Virginia and Hardee's Cavalry, to make considerable detour, turn the enemy's right, and take him in rear. The balance of the Twenty-fifth Ohio I formed to attack in front. In disposition made and in the way of rapid execution under the enemy's fire, and Companies A and I having opened upon his left, the enemy again retired, mounted, and retreated into town. After a few minutes I formed my command into two columns, the Twenty-fifth Ohio moving upon the right and the Second West Virginia and cavalry upon the left to the town. In this order the troops rushed forward, drove into town as the enemy, after a few ineffectual shots, fled from the place.

We found the place deserted, the houses broken upon, and goods scattered, the cause of which was soon stated by a returned citizen. The rebel commander had ordered his citizens to remove all their valuable property, as he intended, if beaten, to burn the town. We found large quantities of rebel stores, consisting in part of 350 barrels of 30-calibered beehives, (about 50,000 pounds), 30,000 pounds of salt, large amounts of sugar, coffee, rice, hucos, clothing, &c., all of which I caused to be destroyed by burning the building in which they were stored, having no means to bring them off. The value of the property thus destroyed is estimated at \$20,000. Our forces captured and burned a large number of Sharp's carbines, sabres, horse-pistols, and army clothing.

The enemy had in the action 400 regular cavalry armed with Sharps carbines, and several hundred mounted militia assembled from Pocahontas County the night before. They were also two companies of infantry quartered in town, but fled without making a stand. The enemy's loss is believed to have been considerable. It was reported a citizen who retreated at 1 killed and 7 wounded. Private Oliver Herdick, of Company E, Twenty-fifth Ohio, was seriously wounded, the arm. No other casualties occurred on our side. I failed to find the

bit to the front, to cruelly murder the plucky fowl. Sure, it is a far cry from a day of such ferocity wreaked on a helpless creature to our busy times, with the diver diving in a stream beside a busy highway at the harsh blare of a traffic horn, and rising to wave his wings gallantly to the gentler call of the lady's car.

A farm couple drove the nine miles into town, and from the number of animals they observed that morning on their farm and on the road, why small game must be coming back: One wild turkey hen, one ringneck pheasant, two grouse, two gray squirrels, one rabbit, one red squirrel, one water snake.

Away back in the early years of the eighteen hundreds, a big bear came out of the Black Forest to a home high on the mountain above Bridger Gap, in the Marvin neighborhood. The great beast caught a little child playing in the yard of a cabin home, killed it by crushing its head by a single bite and started to carry his prey to the nearby forest. Pursued by frantic mother, father and dogs; the bear dropped the little body. However, it made escape back into the Black Forest.

That is the story I have heard since childhood. Mrs. Ed Boblett of the Marvin neighborhood, asked for the name of the family, whose child the bear stole away and killed. I said Waddell. She said wrong answer; there was a

Mr. McMillion attended local schools and is now employed by the Meadow River Lumber Company, at East Rainelle. The couple are residing with her parents at the present time.

James Dunn, Jr., late of the U. S. Navy, now in business in New York, was here last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn and his grandfather, W. H. Adkison.

Among the patients in Greenbrier Valley hospital at Ronceverte, as listed in the West Virginia News is C. C. Champin, of Durbin.

Luther Bright and Wayne Gelger are back from a three week's trip to the Pacific Slope. They traveled by automobile and lived in a trailer. The round trip amounted to almost 8,000 miles. Too much cold weather made the trout fishing poor. Late frosts and freezes injured the fruit crop there too.

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final attestation of reconciliation.

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the history of the world. Hardly
any other government would hon-
or the valor of the men who had
tried to destroy it. From what
I have been able to gather the
nearest approach to such an atti-
tude is Great Britain's transfer,
in 1806, to the beaten Boers of
complete power over their con-
quered country, only four years
after the close of a bitter war.

It seems as though this recon-
ciliation between the two sections
of the United States started im-
mediately upon the cessation of
hostilities. Understanding treat-
ment of the Confederate leaders
played a part. Though Jefferson
Davis was imprisoned for a time,
no secessionists were hanged, and
the second in command in the
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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1931

This tale comes from Beaver Creek by an eye witness. It sounds logical to me, however, the reader will have to judge for himself.

On the first day of fishing a bout 18 anxious fishermen surrounded a likely blue hole, about as thick as they could stand and cast. At six o'clock sharp, four dozen lines slipped into that pool. Two visual effect was not unlike a huge spider web forming on the water. A big trout grabbed for a lure and got a whole mouthful. To be exact, seven books in all. The poor fish was strong up in the air by seven lines from that many points of the compass. It was up to a disinterested man to wade in; cut that trout to seven portions. Each man was returned his book with his proportionate part of the trout.

Mill Point—Last week there were three occurrences out of the ordinary at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boblett. First, they saw a fine big deer out in the pasture field. This was the first deer seen on this farm in many years. Second, the farm flock of ewes were brought in near to the house for close attention with lambs arriving. The other night something disturbed the flock—dog or variant. Going for to see, a variant went off into the night, equaling—wild cat or panther. Third, a little balloon, deflated to about the size of a twelve quart bucket settled in the top of a high tree. It is so far out of reach, about all that can be told is that its color is blue.

Last Thursday close observers reported a big water fowl in the Greenbrier; above the bridge and below the island. The taxider said it died when he blew his horn. I knew it was a loon, and I knew it would stay just until after dark, at least. Loons are night travellers. After work hours, the wife and I drove by to see the visitor. Sure enough, it was a great northern diver, in summer plumage. It was busy feeding on minnows or some thing the dusky water was floating along. I said I had been told

Anyway, if any one familiar with this well authenticated tradition of a bear killing and attempting to carry away a three year old child, will send in the family name if they heard it from their grand parents, I would be much obliged.

Along in the 1880's on Bridger Mountain just a few miles from Bridger Gap, a mother and her relatives were given the scare of their lives. A great hungry bear came out of the Black Forest straight toward the house where a baby boy lay asleep on the porch. However this bear passed by the house and on to the pig pen. There he killed a sheep and carried it away. The helpless horror of the women who saw the bear from a distant hillside can be imagined; also their inexpressible relief when the bear took a hog instead of the baby boy. The visitors were one of the McKeever families coming back to visit home folks—Rev. Allan McKeever's I expect.

Since the above was written I have been checking on history and tradition with my friend, William H. Gilmore of Stony Creek. He did not remember ever bearing the name of the child killed by a bear on Little Mountain. However there was a family by the name of Pata on Stony Creek, whose little child was killed and carried away by a bear. This family lived on the farm now owned by Lee Barlow. The time was in the 1790's. The family was out plowing corn. One of the other children saw a big black "dog" carrying off the baby. The McCollums, Griffins and Youngs came with their dogs and they killed the bear.

Clinton Preston Mann

Clinton Preston Mann, 84 years of age, a highly respected retired farmer, died at his home on Sunday, April 15, 1931. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Blanche Mann; three sons, James W., of the U. S. Army, stationed in Korea; Porter O., with the Army in Hawaii; and Carl Lee Mann, of Lewisburg; three daughters, Mrs. Robert L. Lipps and Mrs. Jane Gregg, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Elmer Hill, of Maxwellton; three brothers, J. M. Mann, of Pedro, Ohio; Steve Mann, of Robinson, Illinois; and Porter Mann, of Obolton, Illinois; also eleven grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, with his pastor, Rev. J. P. Proffitt, officiating. Interment was made in the Walpole cemetery.

Roads

It will not be as long as it has been until there will be good road connection with Warm Springs and points east. Last week the contractor, Sam Pollock, started work clearing right of way from Minnehaha Springs to Rider's Gap of Alleghany Mountain. Two bridges—at the Spring across Kaspar Creek, and at the White Farm across Donahard have been let to contract. Aids from contribution to the travelling public, completion of this link means a good business feeder to this Town of Marlinton.

The contract for re-surfacing treatment of Route 212, in Pocahontas County from Mill Point to the Greenbrier County line is being considered.

The Road Commission also proposes to extend the hard road from the Jon Pyram place on Ravert Creek to the far entrance of Watoga State Park.

There will be considerable road improvement work inside of Watoga Park by Road Commission men and equipment at the expense of Park funds.

Much work in the way of road building is planned for the new Wesley Chapel road between Dunmore and Green Bank.

Another piece of secondary road which has been surveyed and under consideration is a link of new road of several miles through the National Forest, connecting the Hills Creek road with the Richwood road Route 39. This will be great convenience to several good neighborhoods by cutting the distance to Richwood, from Hillsboro South.

The engineers were careful to miss the two fine falls of Hills Creek, but the new road will make this area of remarkable natural beauty more easily available.

The new road will furnish fire protection to fine timbered area of the Forest too.

With the building of the link between Hills Creek and Richwood roads, the next improvement in order will be the making of a recreation area on National Forest lands round about the two falls of Hills Creek. And a grand and pleasant and popular place it will prove to be too.

Pigs For Sale

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The Oak Grove Book

I have in my hand a new little booklet, "History of Oak Grove Church." The compiler is Mr. John Karr Fleming, a former pastor, now of Hedgesville. A good part of the booklet is his personal record at the Sesqui Centennial celebration at the Old Church, 1943.

In the outline of contents this is the historical background of names of ministers, evangelists, stated supplies, pastors, elders, deacons, trustees; grounds and buildings. This naturally contains a roll call of family names. The Little Leavels from Revolutionary War times down to present.

People have gone through years from the Oak Grove congregation to all parts of the country. This little booklet is something to be treasured in homes as handed, far and near.

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Apr 26-31

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Mrs. Roy Calhoun
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43 acre tract 3 1/2 miles from Green Bank on Wesley Chapel Road. Outbuildings and house; all under fence. An ideal spot for hunting or if interested, see

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5-8-31

is brown with age, and requires very careful handling.

It was brought to the Levels by Martha Davis McNeel about 1785. "This is the first Bible that there is any record of having ever been brought to the waters of the Greenwater," taken from Price's History of Pocomoke.

Martha Davis McNeel was a Calvinistic Methodist and it was she who performed the first burial rites ever performed at the McNeel cemetery. Also, it was she and her husband, John McNeel, who built the "White Pole Church" and it is highly probable that this Bible was used in those services.

Here I again quote from Price's History. "The deep hold that Methodism has held in the Town of Pocomoke for the last hundred years can be explained when I say that the man and woman who built the "White Pole Church" laid the foundation of the Methodist Church."



...by Danmore Road.